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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare: My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe that I am a joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: CONVEYOR BELT ASSEMBLY, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I hereby appoint Heath W. Hoglund, Reg. No. 41,076, as my patent attorney with full power of substitution to prosecute the above-identified application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112.

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